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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CHILEANS PAYING ATTENTION TO US EMARCHE

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1. WHILE MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH CHILEAN VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VALDES JUNE 8, HE REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR CAUAS' MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER ON MAY 26. VALDES SAID THAT THE TERM "DUE PROCESS" HAD BEEN USED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AS ONE FACTOR DISTURBING BI-LATERAL RELATIONS. WHAT, HE ASKED, DID THE USG MEAN BY THE TERM?

2. PREFACING THE RESPONSE WITH THE REMINDER THAT I WAS NOT A LAWYER, I SAID THAT THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE DUE PROCESS CONCEPT WERE PROMPT ACCESS TO THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM BY ANY CITIZEN AND A JUDICIAL SYSTEM EMPOWERED TO ASSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. DRAWING ANALOGIES WITH RECENT US HISTORY I ADDED THAT DUE PROCESS ULTIMATELY MEANT TO MAN OR INSTITUTION (SUCH AS INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS) COULD BE ABOVE THE LAW.

3. COMMENT: VALDES GAVE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE CHRISTOPHER MEETING WAS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED IN THE FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTRY. HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO MY REPLY. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS CORDIAL AND POSITIVE; THE DESIRE TO CLARIFY THE US POSITION UNDERSTANDABLE AND ENCOURAGING. NOW THAT A DIALOGUE HAS BEGUN, VALDES, AT LEAST, SEEMS INTERESTED IN GETTING TO SPECIFICS.

4. SANTIAGO 4629 AND SEPTTEL WITH PROPOSED TALKING

POINTS FOR VANCE/CARVAJAL BILATERAL SUGGEST SUCH SPECIFICS.

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